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SGA asks students to voice opinions on state budget cuts

By MORGAN WRIGHT
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University Student Government Association is encouraging students to take advantage of the opportunity to express their opinions on current and upcoming state budget cuts Tuesday at 6 p.m. in the third floor Atrium of John Deaver Drinko Library at the Higher Education Forum.

A panel of local delegation compiled of Senators and delegates from the district, delegates from the university, and possibly the mayor at the meeting. This panel encourages students to come give their feedback on the recent state budget cuts.

The state took a budget cut of roughly 9 percent last year, according to SGA Chief of Staff Jordan Wooldridge. This has made tuition increase all over the state of West Virginia. Financial aid has been reduced, causing more students to have to pay more out of pocket.

The West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission stated that West Virginia is already facing more budget cuts in the near future. The state is potentially facing mid-year budget cuts that will

be in effect toward the beginning of the year, as well as a spring budget cut.

It also said by 2018, West Virginia will need to produce an additional 20,000 college degrees just to sustain its current economy. With additional budget cuts, the state won't be able to produce the amount of degrees necessary because students will not be able to afford it.

Student Body President E.J. Hassan said having student government and other students involved in the meeting will only help the panel realize the strain these budget cuts will put on students' futures.

"Members of student government will be there and we will be representing the student body by voicing our opinions but we encourage as many students as possible to join us," Hassan said. "If legislation in Charleston don't hear our concerns, tuition is going to continue to increase until no one can afford it anymore."

SGA urges all students who can attend the meeting to be present in hopes to cease further budget cuts.

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**"You are responsible, forever, for what you have tamed.
You are responsible for your rose."**

-Antoine de Saint-Exupery



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Career Services encourages seniors to take advantage of help in finding jobs

By MASON HAYNES
THE PARTHENON

Career Services is offering help to seniors as they prepare to look for work after graduation.

Debby Stoler, assistant director of development and outreach at Career Services, said the semester is ending and students who are planning to graduate should take advantage of the programs offered by Career Services.

"We can help them with their resumes," Stoler said. "Especially if they have some places that they are going to apply for employment."

Stoler said Career Services could also help students with their job search.

"We can also teach them a little bit about networking and teach them how make contact with people in their field," Stoler said.

Stoler said that students should place important facts in their resume that would get the attention of employers when applying for a job.

"They want to make sure that they have all of their college experiences," Stoler said. "Not only their employment but they want to

put any groups, college services, internships and any skills and strengths should also be included into their resume."

Stoler also said certain items should be used in a resume when it is required for the job they are seeking.

"We usually recommend that references should be on a separate document," Stoler said. "You can send it with the resume as a requested document in the job description but make it a separate document."

Stoler said students should work on their resumes because it can be one of the most important documents allowing them to pursue a successful career.

"The resume is going to be the first thing that is introduces you to the employer," Stoler said. "Unless there is an application that the particular company has, it is the first thing that the employer is going to see about you is your resume."

The services are free to students who would like their resumes edited or obtain any other career training resources.

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Ritter Park patrons get a chance to share beauty

By BRITANY MILLER
THE PARTHENON

Park patrons got the chance to take home a piece of one of the most beautiful spots in Huntington Monday to make it their very own. The Greater Huntington Park and Recreation District shared free clippings, known as slips, from the nationally recognized Ritter Park Rose Garden on a first come first serve basis.

Huntington's municipal rose garden, established in 1934, was designed by Gus C. Wofford, a landscape architect and member of the Park Commission. The Ritter Park Rose Garden, a member of the American Rose Society and an All-American Rose Selection garden, features roughly 2,000 plants in 50 different varieties

across four levels that are connected by stone paths.

Many locals took advantage of the annual event. Would-be gardeners filtered in and out of the park between 8 a.m. and noon, perusing the last of summer's blooms and choosing their favorites. GHPRD employees were on hand to assist with the clippings and to provide their new owners with information packets for healthy growth courtesy of the Huntington Rose Society.

Micheal Platt, a GHPRD employee of Huntington, started his third season of clippings bright and early.

"We've been steady from eight o'clock until present," Platt said. "Probably seen 100 people or so."

Don Dierdorff, of Barboursville, made it down just in time

to catch his first rose garden clippings.

"Each year it's in the newspaper, and I always have these good intentions about coming down and getting them," Dierdorff said. "My wife saw it yesterday, and I thought well this time I was going to come down and take advantage of it."

Dierdorff, a seasoned gardener, but novice rosarian, chose his buds based on initial appeal, scent and color.

"I love flowers, and my wife loves the aroma of the flower," Dierdorff said. "So I've been smelling a few of them to make sure they have a good aroma to go along with the beauty of them."

Rick Kopp, another Huntington native in his second season with the Parks department,

manages the rose garden year round, and recalled a few colorfully named standouts among this season's favorites.

"Oh, 'Each to His Own', and my wife's favorite is a rose called 'Double Delight,'" Kopp said. "It's multicolored and has a real nice fragrance. And some people love 'Mr. Lincoln.'"

While Kopp said he loves his work and described it as more of a joy than a job, this time of year is kind of bittersweet.

"We had the last full, hearty bloom about two weeks ago, before the cold spell came through," Kopp said. "I hate to see them go, but it's got to. Just part of the natural cycle of things."

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Panel talks BDSM, erotic romance, feminism

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THE PARTHENON

Three speakers participated in a panel regarding sexual fantasies and feminism at Fraught Fantasies: Feminism, Erotic Romance, and BDSM Monday at the John Deaver Drinko Library Room 402.

The event covered the empowerment when it comes to accepting sexuality, where the line between erotica and porn has a real distinction. One is where there is an emotional connection with the actions taken while the other is the act without the emotion. It also

covered the role of feminism on society and how people discover themselves through their sexuality.

"This is part of several events this semester that discuss the romance genre with women as readers and women as writers," said Laura Michele Diener, the interim director of the women's studies program.

The event offered students who participated at the panel with an intellectual discussion that is normally not discussed in the public sphere.

"It was a really interesting intellectual discussion that not

a lot of people think intellectually or academically about," said David Allen, a graduate student with a history major at Marshall. "It really demonstrated the value of a genre of literature that many people dismiss out of hand."

The three speakers at the event were Jill Treftz, an assistant professor of English at Marshall University who teaches and writes about nineteenth-century British literature, fantasy and romance fiction; Kallypso Masters, a U.S. bestselling author who writes emotional, realistic romance

novels; and Ann Mayburn, who has published over thirty books and is an award-winning author of erotica and romance novels.

"We had four different perspectives on one issue and it's good for students to see lively discussions," Diener said. "So we had two writers, a counselor and a scholar and between the four of them they approached the topic in an interdisciplinary way."

The event was streamed live and can be found at livestream.com.

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Senate moving to ban workplace bias

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(MCT)

A long-stalled bill banning workplace discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity is likely to pass the Senate as early as this week, a sign of the fast-changing political landscape for gay rights.

The fight over the measure is far from over, however. Conservative groups launched a last-ditch effort to stop it in the Senate. In the House of Representatives, prospects for

approval appeared even slimmer as Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, announced his opposition.

The Senate signaled its likely approval Monday with a 61-30 vote clearing the way for a final vote later this week on the proposed Employment Non-Discrimination Act, which would make it illegal to discriminate in the hiring and firing of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender workers.

Monday's vote and likely Senate approval reflect changing times and changing public and political attitudes

among Democrats and Republicans toward lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender issues.

The bill, which has been introduced in Congress every year since 1994, failed by one vote in the Senate in 1996. It passed the House in 2007, but died in the Senate.

Since then, Congress overturned the military's "don't ask, don't tell" policy in 2010 and ended the ban on gays and lesbians serving in uniform. Poll after poll shows greater acceptance of same-sex marriage.

"This is an extremely important moment for the LGBT movement in our country," said David Codell, legal director for the Williams Institute, a research group that advances sexual orientation law and public policy at the University of California-Los Angeles.

Still, the bill's battle in the 113th Congress could be just beginning. With more than two-thirds of the public supporting a federal law to protect gay people in the workplace, some opponents have seized on a provision

in this year's version of the bill that would extend the same protections to transgender people, who face higher rates of job discrimination than gays, lesbians and bisexuals do.

Some opponents, such as the conservative Family Research Council, charge that the measure would lead to gender-neutral restrooms and gender-reassignment surgeries being covered by employer-sponsored health insurance plans.

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Alpha Chi Omega collects items for Huntington domestic violence shelter



ANDREA STEELE | THE PARTHENON

Alpha Chi Omega members Katie Hacker, left, Jamie Williams, Janna Herman and Heather Taylor pose with boxes of donations for Branches Domestic Violence Shelter Monday inside the Alpha Chi Omega suite.

By **ANDREA STEELE**
THE PARTHENON

October was Domestic Violence Awareness month, and all month long Alpha Chi Omega collected items to take to Branches Domestic Violence Shelter in Huntington.

Branches is a nonprofit agency that was established in 1980. According to its website, Branches works to empower the increasing number of domestic violence victims and their families to break the cycle of domestic violence in the area.

Alpha Chi Omega's national philanthropy is domestic violence

awareness and the Marshall University chapter works locally with Branches by collecting items and raising funds for the shelter.

Katie Hacker, junior special education major, said the sorority couldn't personally do a lot with Branches other than collect items and raise money, due to the anonymity to keep victims safe.

"[The Alpha Chi Omega suite] is kind of a drop off point," Hacker said. "We're always collecting items."

Heather Taylor, junior elementary education major, said they have reached out to other sororities to donate as well.

Last month, Alpha Chi Omega participated in Delta Zeta's annual Turtle Tug and won, receiving a \$50 gift card.

Hacker said she and her sisters used the money to purchase toiletry items for the shelter.

Jamie Williams, senior accounting major and president of Alpha Chi Omega, volunteers at Branches and learned that they always need feminine hygiene products. Student Resources donated two full boxes of feminine products for Branches and Williams will be taking those, along with everything else collected, to the shelter.

"All the events we do, we give the money to Branches," Hacker said.

Taylor said the sorority will have a bake sale Nov. 20 and will also be selling handmade purple awareness bracelets and all proceeds will go toward Branches.

Branches is hosting Paint the Town Purple later this month and Alpha Chi Omega will be promoting the event by passing out fliers.

The fliers can be taken to local restaurants accepting them and the restaurants will donate a percentage of the total bill to Branches.

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Twitter increases IPO price range, following Facebook's path

By **JEREMY C. OWENS**
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Following the path of its social-networking predecessor, Twitter Inc. increased the possible price of its initial public offering Monday, boosting the proposed price for its first batch of shares to as much as \$25.

Twitter initially stated that it planned to price its offering in a range from \$17 to \$20, which analysts considered low, based on the microblogging company's internal valuation of its private shares at \$20.65. After company executives spent the past week courting potential investors in its so-called road show, they seemed to come to the same conclusion as the analysts, boosting the IPO range to \$23 to \$25. At the top of its new range, Twitter

would rake in \$1.75 billion at a valuation of nearly \$14 billion.

The last social-networking company to go public and receive as much attention as Twitter made a similar move, but went even further. Facebook Inc. increased its initial price range in the week ahead of its May 2012 IPO despite beginning the process with a much wider price range than is typical, \$28 to \$35.

Besides boosting its range to \$35 to \$38, the Menlo Park, Calif., company also increased the number of shares it offered, with early investor's adding 95 million shares to the offering, which helped Facebook break IPO records with a total take of more than \$18 billion and a valuation of more than \$100 billion.

The twin moves likely contributed

to Facebook's inability to sell for more than its IPO price in the company's first year on the public markets, however.

"Raising both the price and the size was Facebook's fatal mistake," PrivCo CEO and founder Sam Hamadeh told Reuters last month.

Twitter's move also creates a valuation similar to Facebook and Mountain View, Calif., professional-networking company LinkedIn Corp. when compared with revenues. Bloomberg News data shows that Twitter would be at 11.8 times its estimated 2014 revenues at the top of its proposed range, while projections put Facebook at a multiple of 11.5 and LinkedIn at 12.2.

Twitter did not increase the size of its IPO, which will not include

any shares owned by private investors or company executives. The San Francisco company plans to sell 70 million shares and keep all the proceeds for corporate purposes.

Monday's updated filing also disclosed that International Business Machines Corp. has notified Twitter that the New York tech behemoth believes the social-networking company is infringing on three of its patents. IBM is seeking to settle the dispute by entering into a licensing agreement, but Twitter said in its filing, "We believe we have meritorious defenses to IBM's allegations."

Twitter is expected to set a final price for its IPO Wednesday night and debut on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol TWTR on Thursday morning.

Some TSA agents should be armed, union says

By **KATE LINTHICUM**
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LOS ANGELES TIMES (MCT)

The president of the union representing more than 45,000 Transportation Security Administration agents urged Congress and the agency Monday to create a new class of officers that would be armed with weapons.

J. David Cox Sr., president of the American Federation of Government Employees, which represents 45,000 Transportation Security Administration agents, said that the "sad truth is that our TSA officers are subject to daily verbal assaults and far too frequent physical attacks while performing their security duties."

"At this time, we feel a larger and more consistent armed presence in screening areas would be a positive step in improving security for both TSOs and the flying public," Cox said in a statement. "The development of a new class of TSA officers with law enforcement status would be a logical approach to accomplishing this goal."

The statement comes in the aftermath of Friday's shooting at Los Angeles International Airport that left one TSA agent killed and two others injured. The suspect in the shooting, 23-year-old Paul Ciancia, was targeting federal security officers, authorities said.

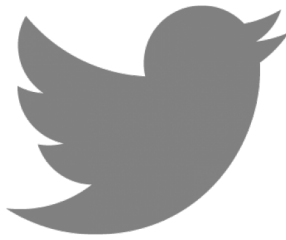
U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder told reporters Monday that the investigation into the shooting will also look at security at LAX and other airports around the country.

"The function of TSA is to ensure that people can board planes safely and take flights safely," Holder said. "The responsibility for protecting airport security is not a TSA function, but something I think we need to certainly examine."

At a news conference over the weekend, TSA Administrator John Pistole said his agency's review will include the question of whether its agents should be armed. "We will look at what our policies and procedures are and what provides the best possible security," he said.

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SPORTS

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Women's basketball rolls in exhibition against KCU, 78-29

By **MONTY GREEN**
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University women's basketball tipped off the season on a high note with a 78-29 victory over Kentucky Christian University Monday at the Cam Henderson Center. Head coach Matt Daniels recorded his 10th overall win at Marshall with a strong defensive effort, recording 35 defensive rebounds and 15 steals.

"This was the game to get our jitters out," senior guard Orlandria Williams said. "We held them to the percentage expected then we came in and knocked down a couple of shots."

Defense was the goal of the night, and Marshall achieved it.

"My job is to get the ball back," sophomore guard Norrishia Victrum said. "I don't have to score as much thanks to others, I just need to get the ball stopped and get as many defensive plays as I can."

Victrum was successful, earning five steals and two rebounds. She even made an impact on the offensive side of the floor, scoring two baskets out of six attempts, with perfection from the foul line.

New transfer players lead the team in scoring, making a vital impact on the game.

Junior transfer Leah Scott made a major impact in her first game for the Herd, scoring 10 out of 15 shots and a three pointer. Aja Sorrells, junior transfer guard, scored four out of nine with three three-pointers to top it off.

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Marshall junior transfer guard Leah Scott (1) and freshman forward Chelsey Romero (21) battle for a rebound against KCU players Monday in the Cam Henderson Center.

Tennis finishes fall season

By **WILL VANCE**
SPORTS EDITOR

Last weekend the Marshall University tennis team wrapped up its fall season with the College of Charleston Halloween Challenge in Charleston, S.C.

The holiday-themed tournament was a bit different than most other tournaments, including a team Halloween costume tournament and a merit system toward raffle prizes at the end of the weekend.

"It was a really fun trip," junior Dana Oppinger said. "We knew we were going to a warmer place so it was like a vacation trip but a tournament at the same time."

Georgia, Denver and College of Charleston competed with the Herd in the tournament, providing a range of competition that Oppinger said was perfect to close out the Herd's fall season.

"It was great for us to play this tournament because of the opposition," Oppinger said. "There were teams that like Georgia that are in the top 10 in the country with amazing players and then you have other schools that are about our level. And at the same time it was such a fun trip, so I don't think there would have been a better tournament to end the season."

Georgia, Southeastern Regional Champions,

presented the most difficult challenge for the Herd in both singles and doubles play. In doubles play the combo of Oppinger and senior Karlyn Timko took on the No. 2 team in the country in the Bulldogs combination of Silvia Garcia and Kate Fuller. Timko said that they were intentionally unaware of their opponent's ranking.

"I don't actually look at draw ever," Timko said. "I don't like knowing who I'm playing, it can screw you up. I just knew we were playing Georgia and they're a top school. We had no idea they were No. 2 in the country until about two hours after the match."

Timko finished the weekend with a 4-2 record with her only losses coming to Georgia. Oppinger finished 3-2, again with her only losses coming against Georgia. Junior Kai Broomfield went 2-4 and the freshman duo of Anne Gulsprung and Rachael Morales going 3-3 and 2-4, respectively.

The College of Charleston Halloween Challenge was the last event in the Herd's fall season. The 2014 spring season will begin Jan. 17 at the UVA Invitational in Charlottesville, Va.

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Cathy named All-Conference USA third team



MONTY GREEN | THE PARTHENON

Junior defender Alyssa Cathey advancing the ball against a MTSU defender.

HERDZONE.COM

Marshall junior defender Alyssa Cathey has earned All-Conference USA third team honors, the conference announced Monday.

This is her first all-conference award. Cathey is the fifth Herd player in program history to earn third team honors, and the seventh player ever to earn all-conference honors.

Cathey is an anchor of the 2013 Thundering Herd defense, which has allowed only 14 goals in 18 outings and has nine shutouts so far, the second-most shutouts in a Herd season. Marshall is tied for first in C-USA in goals allowed (14) and boasts the lowest goals-against average in the conference (0.74).

She has also been a factor on the offensive side of the pitch, scoring two critical goals in the 2013 conference season. Cathey scored her first 2013 goal in a 2-1 overtime victory versus Middle Tennessee, Oct. 20. She also recorded a goal in the 2-2 double overtime match versus Tulsa, Oct. 27. She ranks fourth on the team in goals and is tied for fourth in points this season (4). She also has started every 2013 match and all but one in 2012.

Cato named C-USA Offensive Player of the Week

HERDZONE.COM

Marshall quarterback Rakeem Cato was named Conference USA's Offensive Player of the Week Monday by both the league office and CollegeSportsMadness.com.

Cato completed 21-of-28 passes for 262 yards, five touchdowns and no

interceptions in the Thundering Herd's 61-13 win over Southern Miss. He powered a Marshall attack that jumped out to a 28-0 first quarter lead with four opening quarter TD passes by Cato and finished with 636 yards of total offense, which came on 9.94 yards per play. Cato has also tied Chad

Pennington's school record by completing a TD pass in 26 straight games, the second-longest active streak in the FBS.

The Herd (5-3 overall, 3-1 C-USA) will be back in action Saturday at noon when UAB (2-6, 1-3) visits Joan C. Edwards Stadium.



RICHARD CRANK | THE PARTHENON

Junior quarterback Rakeem Cato (12) makes a pass on the move against Southern Miss Saturday at Joan C. Edwards Stadium. The roll-out pass to junior receiver Craig Wilkins was one of Cato's five for the game.

EDITORIAL

Be cautious of herbal supplements

Many people turn to herbal supplements as a natural alternative to fighting a wide range of common ailments. However, recent DNA tests have shown that in multiple cases, the supplements were almost or completely stripped of the herbs they claimed to contain and were replaced with fillers such as soybeans, rice and wheat.

There's been recent attention devoted to the regulation of antibiotic and other prescription medication due to the dangers of unnecessary use, and the same could be said for herbal supplements. For example, people will use supplements to help with colds, but does the everyday cold really warrant the use of an herbal supplement?

The mentality of our society is that there is a quick fix for everything, and we would

rather take the marketed quick fix at face value than question the effects it has, or doesn't have, on our body. With herbal supplements, it can be worse because the mindset is that the products are supposed to be natural and what is natural can't possibly harm us.

The problem with this is that we're pumping our money into this industry, but aren't entirely sure we're getting what we pay for. Beyond that, there are issues concerning allergies due to the use of alternatives such as soy, wheat and other food allergens.

The Food and Drug Administration monitors food labeling in order to protect those with allergies, but when it comes to altered or mislabeled herbal supplements this goes unnoticed.

The FDA does regulate herbal supplements. They are regulated under the Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act, but under this act it is the manufacturers' responsibility to ensure the safety of the supplements before they reach the market. The FDA becomes involved only when action is called for after an unsafe product is already on the market.

This gives manufactures a lot of opportunity to produce supplements that are falsely advertised and not safe for consumption. Until more is done to combat these unethical practices in the herbal supplement industry, we should be cautious of our supplement use to ensure our safety and not waste money on something that may be nothing more than a placebo.

Online Polls

You Can Be HERD

Do you think the NSA was in the wrong with its international spying?	What is your favorite Halloween activity?
Yes, they shouldn't have done it.	Carving pumpkins
No, the other countries do it.	Haunted houses
I don't know enough about it.	Costume parties

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COLUMN

'Enough is enough': Time for colleges to stand up against rape

By TOMMY D. G. FERRELL
COLUMNIST

College is where we learn as much about ourselves as we learn about our respective disciplines and the world around us. Many of us arrive here, away from home, with some fear or anxiety of the four-year journey we are about to start: Mom and Dad aren't right by my side, my bed was much more comfortable and how does detergent work? By mid-term time, most of these issues and questions are resolved, but, for hundreds of thousands of American women, college was the start of a road that led to a horrifyingly life changing experience.

More than one in four college women report having survived rape or attempted rape. In just the fall and spring semesters of the 2012-2013 academic year, one in six of those were attacked. Last year, over 246,000 women were raped; that is a rate of 28 women an hour. These numbers do not include the one in 30 college men who also have been sexually assaulted.

On college campuses, university administrators have gained a terrible reputation for concealing allegations of rape and coercing victims to recant their complaints. Even more often, higher education institutions prefer and push resolution of these complaints through internal judicial processes, clearly devoid of the full force of criminal law.

The relatively weak system of student justice does not come close to rising to the seriousness of rape and the poorly controlled rape culture that has infiltrated each recent American generation a little worse than the last. More importantly, it is just as attributable to colleges' sheer legal and jurisdictional inability to thoroughly resolve these matters.

I am proud to say that this unfortunate reputation of concern has not harmed the image of Marshall University, where I hold high faith in our campus police and student affairs professionals. However, my song of praises for Marshall

does nothing for the rampant problem we are dealing with. The only voice that can bring real change to this problem is collective.

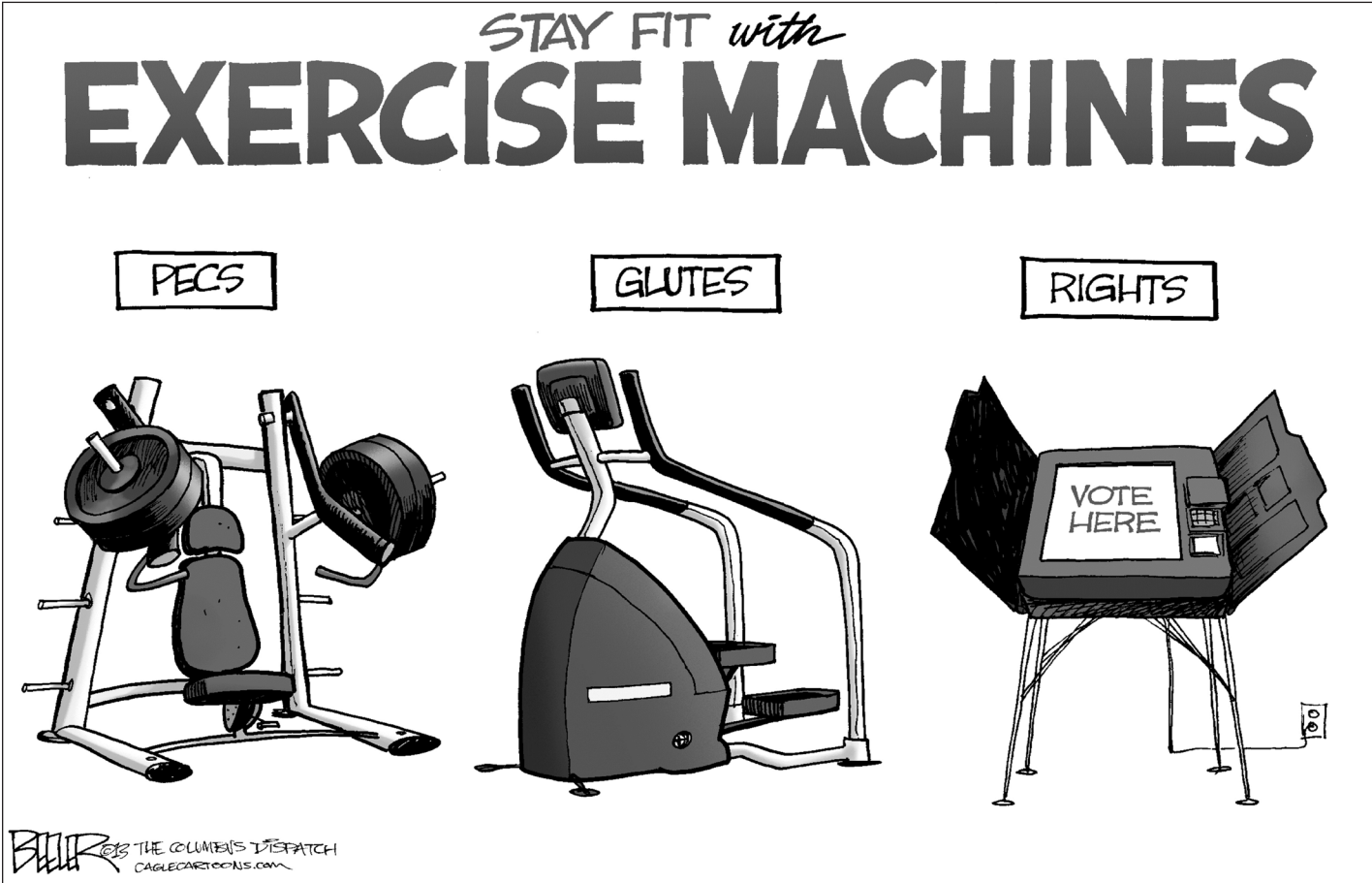
We need to stand up and say, "Enough is enough." American college students need to stop tolerating, one, weak institutional handling of these complaints, and two, the culture that permits perpetrators to rape.

Institutionally exclusive internal handling of sexual assault reports needs to be expressly prohibited and criminalized, period. Unless a victim specifically wants to avoid law enforcement handling of the case, administrators and student service providers should be obligated to inform local law enforcement officers and prosecutors that a sexual assault was reported so the victim is at least guaranteed the availability of authorities with whom the victim may be able to consult on the potential forward process of such a criminal complaint. Violations of this victims' right should be punishable as a felony.

Another key to this situation is preventing rape in the first place. A great way to do that is through our society's peer culture. At the end of the day, the two biggest deterrents of deviant behavior are criminalization and social rejection. I support liberty and justice for all, including those who are accused of crimes, but, when it comes to discussing rape and the way students handle themselves, we should each put our foot down on any leniency for what rape is and what rape does. I do not suspect any of us here as a part of the Thundering Herd actually support rape, but any mitigation of the circumstances or effects of sexual assault is deplorable. Sexual coercion is disgusting—and the overwhelming majority of you, I'm sure, agree—but loudly and clearly vocalizing that disgust is key.

Do not be silent on this. Speak out.

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COLUMN

Swimming with dolphins doesn't make killing them a more acceptable practice

By PAULA MOORE
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Here's a new entry in the annals of bad marketing ideas: Officials in Taiji, Japan, recently announced plans to open a marine park, where visitors can swim and kayak alongside dolphins and whales. Then after drying off, tourists can sample dishes made with dolphin and whale meat. And the proceeds from the park will help fund the slaughter of dolphins. How could that possibly lose?

You probably recognize the name "Taiji." This is the town that acquired global infamy after its annual dolphin massacre was featured in the Oscar-winning documentary "The Cove." Turning Taiji into a tourist destination, where unsuspecting visitors swim with dolphins while, in a nearby bay, other dolphins thrash in their own blood after being speared or having their throats cut, sounds like something out of a horror film.

Dolphins have rich social lives, brains that are as complex as our own and pod-specific cultural practices that are passed down from generation to generation. Some scientists argue that dolphins should be classified as "nonhuman persons" and that

their rights should be protected. Earlier this year, the Ministry of Environment and Forests in India issued an order to all Indian states banning dolphinariums.

"The Cove" exposed the Taiji dolphin slaughter, taking us back to the unenlightened times of "Moby-Dick". More recently, "Blackfish" has rightly turned people away from marine animal parks that snatch infant whales and dolphins from their ocean homes and force them to perform demeaning tricks for our entertainment.

The two industries are inextricably linked. Although most dolphins captured in Taiji end up as meat in Japanese supermarkets — despite the fact that dolphin flesh is so dangerously contaminated with mercury that some Taiji officials have likened it to "toxic waste" — about two dozen live dolphins are sold every year to aquariums, performing-dolphin shows and "swim-with" programs across the globe. It's these lucrative sales that keep the dolphin slaughter going.

A dead dolphin brings in a few hundred dollars. But a single live dolphin can fetch \$150,000 or more.

According to the Whale and Dolphin

Conservation Society, dolphins captured live during Japan's annual massacres have ended up in aquariums all over the world. Even countries that no longer allow the importation of dolphins caught during the gruesome slaughter may be displaying animals purchased before the ban or moved through other countries to disguise their origin.

These magnificent animals suffer immeasurably in captivity since it is impossible to meet their psychological and physiological needs. In the wild, dolphins swim together in family pods up to 100 miles a day. They navigate by bouncing sonar waves off objects to determine distance and location. When dolphins are kept captive, even the largest pen or tank is merely a hideous prison. Their vocalizations become a garble of meaningless reverberations. Most aquariums keep antacids on hand to treat the animals' stress-related ulcers.

If you wouldn't dream of patronizing the proposed marine park in Taiji, then please don't patronize any such facility. Buying a ticket to a marine park or swimming with captive dolphins supports condemning these beautiful, intelligent animals to a lifetime of misery and deprivation.

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Wolf protection plan raises hackles

By JULIE CART
LOS ANGELES TIMES (MCT)

In the small, rural community of Reserve, children waiting for the school bus gather inside wooden and mesh cages provided as protection from wolves. Parents consider the “kid cages” a reasonable precaution.

Defenders of the wolves note there have been no documented wolf attacks in New Mexico or Arizona. Fears of wolves attacking humans, they say, are overblown, and the cages nothing more than a stunt.

In 1995, the reintroduction of Canadian gray wolves into the northern Rockies ignited a furor.

Now that acrimony has cascaded into the Southwest, where the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service proposes to extend Endangered Species Act protections for an estimated 75 Mexican wolves in the wild in New Mexico and Arizona.

Such protections would make it illegal to kill wolves, in most instances. The new federal plan would also significantly expand the area where the wolves could roam unmolested.

To many conservatives in the West, such protections are examples of government overreach — idealistic efforts by officials who don’t know what it’s like to live with wolves.

“People have to stand up and defend our rights,” said Wink Crigler, a fifth-generation rancher from Arizona who says guests at her tourist cabins fear they might be attacked by wolves.

Anti-wolf campaigns here — paid for by conservative political organizations antagonistic toward the federal government — often portray the animal as a savage devil preying on children.

The antipathy has encouraged scores of illegal killings of Mexican wolves, whose population dwindled to seven before federal efforts to reintroduce them began in 1998. A young male was fatally shot with an arrow a few weeks ago in the same rural Catron County that uses the kid cages.

Into this atmosphere have come federal officials who by the end of the year are expected to finalize their plan for managing Mexican wolves, a smaller and tawnier subspecies of the Canadian grays.

“With the political debate we see raging, we can’t just listen to the loudest voice in the room,” said Fish and Wildlife Service Director Dan Ashe. “There are many loud voices in the room. No animal engenders more polarizing emotion among Americans than does the wolf.”

He could be describing the situation here: a public policy debate driven not by biology and science but emotional appeals and unalloyed partisanship.

When a previously scheduled Oct. 4 public comment hearing about wolf management was postponed by the government shutdown, advocates came out anyway, staking out nearby meeting rooms at an Albuquerque hotel.

The Save the Lobo rally, paid for by Defenders of Wildlife, featured a man in a wolf costume, children scrawling placards with crayons and people offering videotaped testimony to be forwarded to Washington.

Down the hall, the anti-wolf event was sponsored by Americans for Prosperity, an organization funded by the conservative Koch brothers. The group offered literature by Ayn Rand and screened the documentary “Wolves in

Government Clothing,” which equated rampaging wolves with an out-of-control federal government. Said one Arizona rancher at the event: “Is this politically driven? Absolutely.”

An armed guard patrolled, made necessary, Americans for Prosperity said, by death threats from environmental groups.

The issue of public safety loomed large, with much discussion of the kid cages, boxy structures that resemble chicken coops. Photos and video of the cages have been circulated by Americans for Prosperity, although it was unclear how many exist or who requested or paid for them. Local media reports suggest at least some of them were built by students in a high school shop class.

Calls to the superintendent of schools in Reserve were not returned.

To Carolyn Nelson, a teacher in Catron County, the cages don’t go far enough to protect children. She said that seven years ago her son, then 14, was out walking and came across three wolves. Frightened, he backed against a tree. One wolf stared him down while the other two circled.

Only when the boy cocked the gun he was carrying did the wolves run off.

“I think it was a miracle he wasn’t killed,” she said.

Crigler, the Arizona rancher, who also attended the event, said she understands the fears of the guests in her tourist cabins. “I can’t tell them that they are perfectly safe. There is some degree of risk,” she said. “My concern is that I see wolves habituated to people. They are meat eaters. Savages.”

According to wolf researcher Carlos Carroll, who was among the scientists studying Mexican wolves for the Fish and Wildlife Service, the probability of wolves targeting humans is low.

“All we can go on is what has happened in the past,” said Carroll, a conservation biologist with the Klamath Center for Conservation Research in Northern California. “There have been maybe two to three attacks in the last decade, in Canada and Alaska, where there are thousands of wolves.”

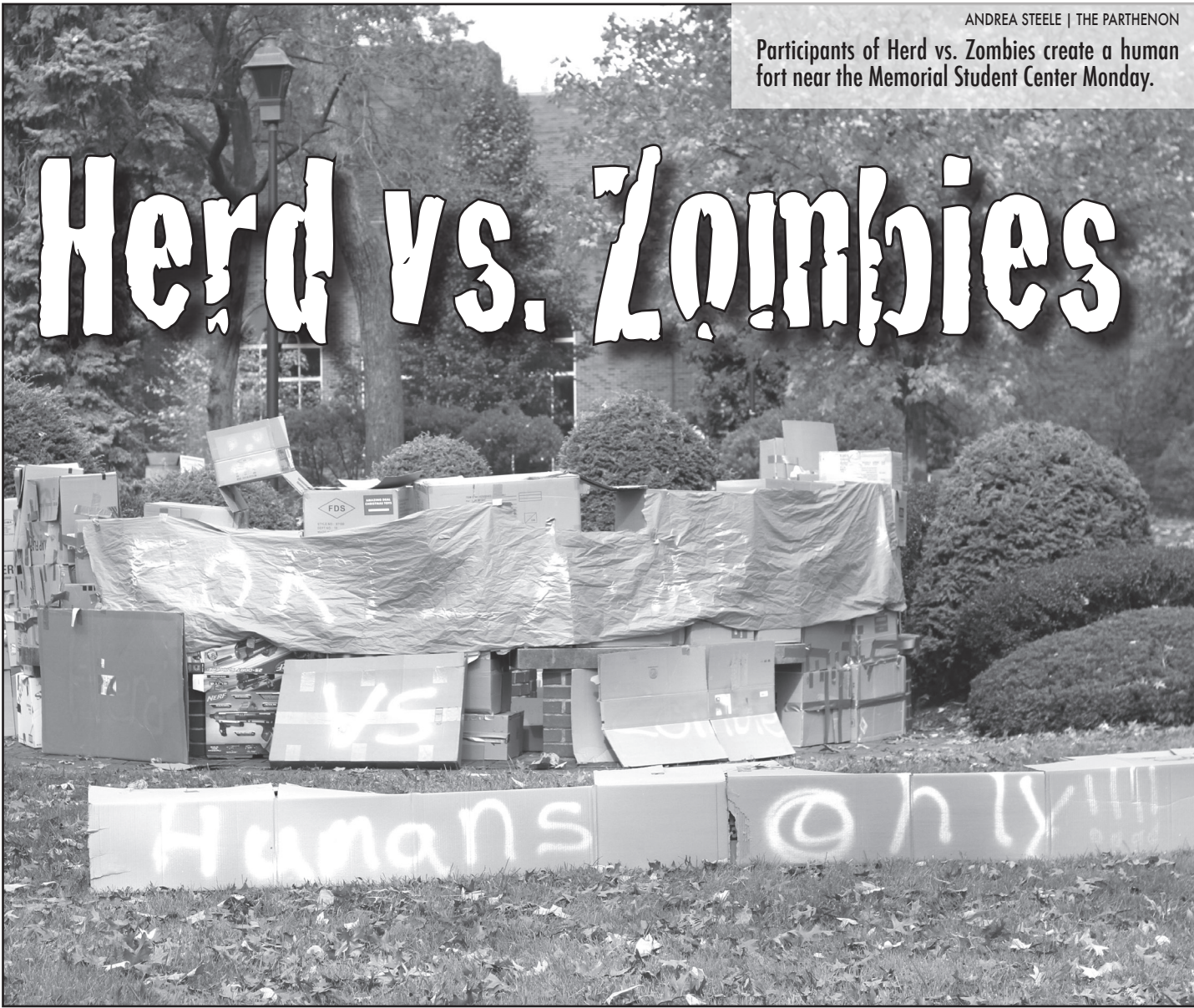
Wolf advocate Michael Robinson with the nonprofit Center for Biological Diversity said he respected people’s fears but added, “The risk has been greatly exaggerated for cynical reasons.”

Likewise, the incidence of wolves killing cattle and sheep is actually much less common than widely believed. According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service, about a third of sheep deaths nationwide are attributable to predators, with wolves accountable for only 0.4 percent of those attacks. The data indicate that domestic dogs are responsible for nearly 20 times more sheep kills than wolves.

Similar numbers hold true for cattle, where wolf kills rank behind coyotes, domestic dogs, cougars and vultures, which have attacked calves.

Ranchers are compensated when they can prove livestock have been killed by wolves. Crigler lost three calves last year and was reimbursed by a government program, but she said the payment was below fair market value.

“It’s already hard enough to make a living,” she said, adding that a neighboring cattleman was getting ready to walk away from the business because of wolves.



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In a letter to senators last Friday, Ralph Reed, founder and chairman of the Faith & Freedom Coalition, wrote that ENDA is simply not sound public policy, defining discrimination based on subjective perception of sexual orientation rather than externally identifiable characteristics of race and gender.

Reed warned lawmakers that his group would “score this vote to invoke cloture as an ‘anti-family’ position on our congressional scorecard.”

Boehner said he opposed the bill because he thought “this legislation will increase frivolous litigation and cost American jobs, especially small business jobs,” spokesman Michael Steel said in an email.

The House bill, introduced by Reps. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, R-Fla., and Jared Polis, D-Colo., has 153 co-sponsors. Boehner’s comments drew a swift rebuke from House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif.

“It’s deeply disappointing to see that Speaker Boehner would block any legislation that would end discrimination,” said Drew Hammill, a Pelosi spokesman. “When the Senate passes this legislation, all options will be on the table in order to advance this critical legislation in the House.”

The White House weighed in Monday, saying that President Barack Obama strongly supports Senate passage of the bill and thinks it’s long overdue.

Gay rights activists say they intend to fight as hard for final passage of the measure in the Senate and House as they did to get the bill to Monday’s test vote. The Human Rights Campaign alone spent more than \$2 million targeting senators such as Joe Manchin, D-W.Va., and Mark Pryor, D-Ark.

“It’s going to take continued activity from organizations like the task force and continued lobbying,” said Stacey Long, the director of public policy and government affairs for the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. “We’re not going to stop pressing.”

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First year players had a great input in Monday’s win, contributing to the overall defensive effort.

“We got a couple of defensive stops and it felt good to make an impact,” freshman guard Kiana Evans said.

The entire team is excited

for the new season, especially Victrum.

“We had a lot of fun tonight, we have new people with different attitudes,” Victrum said.

The Herd will return to play at the Cam Nov. 8 at 11:30 a.m. to play Bluefield College and finish preseason.

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The idea of arming TSA agents has been raised before, according to aviation security consultant Stewart Verdery, a former Department of Homeland Security official who was involved with the creation of the airport screening agency.

“It’s always been raised as an issue,” Verdery said. “We know that there are people that don’t like the government, and TSA is a whipping boy for people angry about the overreach of the government. And we also know that terrorists are fascinated

with aviation. It puts them on the front lines.”

He said the decision not to arm airport security agents was made because protecting the airport is not their primary mission.

“You want to spend your time training TSA officers to look for dangerous weapons and dangerous people,” he said. “Arming tens of thousands of agents who are largely dealing with average travelers is not necessary.”

He noted that arming the agents would come at a high cost. The average annual cost of a TSA agent is less than half the cost of an armed law enforcement officer, he said.

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THUNDER GOD TAKES HIS LUMPS IN ‘THOR: THE DARK WORLD’

By GINA MCINTYRE
LOS ANGELES TIMES (MCT)

A bone-chilling wind and a fine sheet of mist cascaded off the River Thames, but it wasn't the bitter blasts of air that sent Chris Hemsworth tumbling to the ground. Late on a November afternoon, the brawny Australian actor threw himself down onto the courtyard of the Old Royal Naval College in Greenwich over and over, filming scenes for what would eventually become the epic final battle in Marvel's "Thor: The Dark World."

The film, due out Friday, sees the God of Thunder facing off against a nemesis called Malekith, part of a race known as the Dark Elves, but actor Christopher Eccleston already had called it quits for the day. That left Thor, dressed in full armor, long red cape billowing out majestically behind him, to press on alone, with Hemsworth gamely absorbing imaginary blows for the cameras, again and again.

"I've been doing that for the last four, five, six weeks," Hemsworth said between takes. "Just rolling on the ground, on the rocks in Iceland, various locations around London. I'm like, 'When am I going to win one of these fights?' I'm on the receiving end of it all, and it ain't fun."

Bad weather and bruises are the least of Thor's worries in his second solo big-screen outing. Directed by Alan Taylor ("Game of Thrones"), "Thor: The Dark World" begins with the story of Malekith, who was ostensibly vanquished by Thor's grandfather but finds his way back from beyond with a plan to use a weapon called the Aether to plunge the Nine Realms of the universe into darkness.

Only by uniting with his devious brother Loki (Tom Hiddleston) can Thor hope to stop Malekith and rescue his lady love Jane Foster (Natalie Portman), who stumbles onto the Aether and is inadvertently drawn into the Dark Elf's schemes.

Since releasing "Iron Man" in 2008, Marvel Studios has evolved into a can't-miss blockbuster movie machine, transforming characters that had long taken a back seat to the likes of Spider-Man and the X-Men into marquee attractions and launching or re-launching the big-screen careers of actors such as Hemsworth and Robert Downey Jr. and directors including Kenneth Branagh, who took the reins on 2011's "Thor." (The summer 2012 hit "The Avengers," which brought together all of the company's A-list heroes, is the third-highest-grossing film of all time, without adjusting for inflation; this past summer's "Iron Man 3" ranks 13th on that same list.)

Still, "Thor: The Dark World" might be Marvel's most quintessentially comic book movie yet. Granted, extraterrestrial warriors called Chitauri invaded New York in "Avengers" and Hugo Weaving had a red skull for a face in "Captain America." But the CG-laden "Thor" sequel sees its heroes jumping between worlds, its villain

speaking an invented Elvish language that's translated with subtitles, and the movie features one or two creatures that easily could have dropped in from a galaxy far, far away.

"It's only fun to make a movie that's risky; otherwise, they become very cookie-cutter, color-by-numbers things we don't want to do," said Marvel movie chief Kevin Feige.

In Taylor, though, Feige recruited a television veteran with a track record of rooting elaborate fantasy in the real world. Although he's directed episodes of such critically acclaimed series as "The Sopranos," "Mad Men" and "Boardwalk Empire," it was his work on HBO's "Game of Thrones" that suggested his sensibility might be a solid match for "Thor."

"The Thor movies, they're superhero movies, but they're grounded in mythology, not just the mythology of the comics but Norse mythology," Taylor said. "I was a history major and wanted to be a history professor and have always been drawn to things that allow me to use the mystique of history. That's why I was drawn to 'Game of Thrones,' and that's why I loved doing 'Rome' and 'Deadwood.' You get to use history to represent a world that's alien but also familiar."

Taylor relocated from Brooklyn to London in June last year to begin pre-production on the \$170-million movie, which shot on location for about four months, traveling to Iceland for one week to capture the bleak vistas of Svartalfheim, the planet of the Dark Elves.

Eccleston, the accomplished British thespian known to many genre aficionados for his one-season run on the beloved cult series "Doctor Who," said he relied on Taylor a great deal when it came to fine-tuning his performance. He said he struggled to bring a level of pathos to Malekith even while buried in extensive prosthetic makeup, icy blue contact lenses and an elaborate white wig, all of which took four hours to apply.

"You can feel vulnerable in a film like this," Eccleston said. "No matter how experienced you are, you can feel silly. A director can help you through that with humor and with intelligence."

Although it's been only two years since he first picked up Thor's hammer, Hemsworth, 30, has become a sought-after leading man working with directors including Michael Mann (next year's "Cyber") and Ron Howard (September's racing biopic "Rush" and next year's drama "Heart of the Sea").

The actor said that pursuing dramatic roles in other projects has helped him find renewed energy to bring to his Marvel alter ego, a character he could potentially reprise in a third "Thor" movie and two "Avengers" sequels. That energy and renewed commitment certainly appeared to be useful as Hemsworth, sporting a faux wound on his temple, picked up his hammer and prepared to head back to set.

"I started my career on TV — I was on one show in particular for three years — so I know what it's like to just exhaust a story or a character," he said. "I wouldn't want that to happen with this. So far, so good."

Community brings Harmony to the homeless

By KATY LEWIS
THE PARTHENON

The Huntington Harmony House, a nonprofit organization designed to help the homeless, is expanding its facilities and developing new services to educate and assist individuals in the community.

Harmony House has been coordinating and delivering basic human services to individuals in need in the Cabell-Huntington area for the past 25 years. Its goal is to assist homeless and formerly homeless individuals by providing access to needed services and affordable housing.

The organization is supported financially by grants from the United Way of the River Cities and through private donations.

Located at 627 Fourth Ave., Harmony House serves as a one-stop shop where individuals can go to receive case management, medical care, dental care, eye examinations, eye glasses referrals, mental health counseling, substance abuse counseling, payee services and transportation services.

The Harmony House has also created a new job training and readiness program that assists individuals in finding employment.

Breanne Akers, director of development of Harmony House, said the new Jobs First program will help homeless individuals find employment, generate income and teach them better working habits.

"Traditionally how employment has been viewed is that homeless people need to go through three months of training before they actually get a job," Akers said. "We kind of feel that homeless people need income and they need it right now, so let's get them income."

Akers said by getting homeless individuals employment and income quickly, it is easier for them to become self-sufficient.

As a way to eliminate the training period, Harmony House has employees that oversee their clients to help them build better work habits or resolve problems inside the workforce.

Akers said they recently got a gentleman a job, but he was having some trouble. Through the jobs program, a counselor at Harmony House was able to go with the client to see his boss and work out the issues.

Akers said one of the keys to getting out of homelessness is having income. Individuals will be able to afford subsidized housing through a housing authority and not have to fear being bumped by someone else.

Aside from supportive services, Harmony House offers permanent housing for homeless individuals. There are 71 permanent housing units in different buildings made available by the organization. Vanity Fair, located at 621 Fourth

Ave., has 53 single-room housing units. Seaton Taylor, located at 402 Seventh Ave., has 12 units available for individuals who have mental disabilities and are at risk of homelessness. There is a third housing complex, Heistad House, at 627 Fourth Ave. that has six housing units.

Harmony House is currently building a new apartment complex called the Nelson Apartments, named in honor of former Huntington Mayor Bobby Nelson, at 422 Ninth St. W with the help of Huntington Federal Savings Bank. The new complex will create additional units for the organization to assist more homeless individuals.

Akers said in order for individuals to have access to the subsidized housing provided by Harmony House, they must meet the eligibility requirements and pay rent each month.

"There is a \$50 minimum rent even if you have zero income," Akers said. "Majority of the time, they can come up with \$50. If you have income, it is based on 30 percent of your income."

Akers said everyone is expected to pay something and they are held to a standard and need to contribute.

"They need to take part in their own housing. There's not really much free housing anymore, so you are expected to contribute," Akers said.

The housing units provided by Harmony House are considered permanent housing. According to Akers, there have been people living in the units for more than 10 years and there are others who use the units as a step up in order to transition into something different.

Homelessness can affect individuals no matter their age. Akers said there are a lot of young people in their early 20s who have become homeless recently.

"Some of them aged out of foster care, and they chose not to sign themselves back into care, so they don't have a lot of options," Akers said. "We've got some people that are going to school, so we get kind of a mix of all these different backgrounds and stories."

The National Coalition for the Homeless website claims that children under the age of 18 make up 39 percent of the homeless population and that 42 percent of these children were younger than 5 years old.

The Harmony House has experienced an increase in children suffering from homelessness. As a way to accommodate the clients' children, Harmony House is expanding its lobby to create a space for children to play, according to Akers.

Last year, Harmony House served 776 individuals and so far this year they have helped 438 clients.

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TODAY IN THE LIFE!

TAKING THE THRONE

After weeks of speculation, Paris fashion powerhouse Louis Vuitton confirmed Monday the appointment of French designer Nicolas Ghesquiere as the brand's new artistic director of women's collection. The 42-year-old, known for bringing Balenciaga to the fashion forefront during a 15-year career, succeeds the 16-year tenure of American designer Marc Jacobs, who stepped down last month to focus on developing his signature brand. The house said Ghesquiere will bring "a modern, creative vision to the house's women's collections, building on the values of refinement, savoir faire and extreme quality." VWD claims the designer is expected to bring "a gust of experimental fashion and that all-important buzz factor" to Vuitton with his exacting, couturelike approach.

ITUNES TOP 10 SONGS

1. "Royals" by Lorde
2. "Roar" by Katy Perry
3. "Wake Me Up" by Avicii
4. "Let Her Go" by Passenger
5. "Story of My Life" by One Direction
6. "Wrecking Ball" by Miley Cyrus
7. "Counting Stars" by OneRepublic
8. "The Fox (What Does the Fox Say?)" by Ylvis
9. "Timber (feat. Ke\$ha)" by Pitbull
10. "Demons" by Imagine Dragons